

Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:11 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1601. An act to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to develop, assemble, and operate the International Space Station.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 94. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a dedication ceremony incident to the placement of a bust of Raoul Wallenberg in the Capitol.

At 2:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 203(b)(1)(G) of Public Law 102-166, the majority leader and minority leader appoint Mrs. KELLY of New York to serve as a member of the Glass Ceiling Commission.

### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1601. An act to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to develop, assemble, and operate the International Space Station; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 927. An act to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, and for other purposes.

### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on October 3, 1995, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 895. An act to amend the Small Business Act to reduce the level of participation by the Small Business Administration in certain loans guaranteed by the administration, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1474. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the extent of compliance of the independent states of the former Soviet Union with the Biological Weapons Convention and other international agreements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1298. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Shooter*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1299. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to bring opportunity to small business and taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BREAU:

S. 1300. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the method of payment of taxes on distilled spirits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1301. A bill to amend the Goals 2000: Educate America Act to eliminate the National Education Standards and Improvement Council and requirements concerning opportunity-to-learn standards, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Education to review and approve State plans, to permit certain local educational agencies to receive funding directly from the Secretary of Education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1302. A bill to restore competitiveness to the sugar industry by reforming the Federal Sugar Program and thereby ensuring that consumers have an uninterrupted supply of sugar at reasonable prices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KYL, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 1303. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax credits for Indian investment and employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 1304. A bill to provide for the treatment of Indian tribal governments under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KYL, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 1305. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat for unemployment compensation purposes Indian tribal governments the same as State or local units of government or nonprofit organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. KYL):

S. 1306. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the issuance

of tax-exempt bonds by Indian tribal governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1307. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt from income taxation income derived by a member of an Indian tribe directly or through a qualified Indian entity derived from natural resources activities; to the Committee on Finance.

### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1299. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to bring opportunity to small business and taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

#### THE BRINGING OPPORTUNITY TO OUR SMALL BUSINESS AND TAXPAYERS ACT

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, on December 27, 1994, while in Arkansas over the last Christmas holiday, I announced one of the most important legislative initiatives for the 104th Congress. I call it, Bringing Opportunity to Our Small Businesses and Taxpayers—our BOOST.

BOOST is a five-point initiative that addresses problems faced by everyday individual taxpayers, small businesses, and family farms.

Madam President, BOOST delivers a much-needed dose of fairness to small taxpayers, and it provides a clear path toward capitalizing on two of our country's greatest assets—small business and the family farm.

Over these past 9 months, I have worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to introduce the five bills which make up the BOOST package. Today, I am introducing these five important bills as a combined package. I believe this is important because it represents a collective vision for helping small business and the average individual taxpayer—one which we can do quickly with bipartisan support while causing very little drain, if any, or the Federal budget.

We can act quickly because the Finance Committee will meet this week to consider tax legislation as part of the budget reconciliation package which will soon come to the Senate floor. Madam President, the issues raised by the BOOST package are not politically charged, in fact, they are all issues that can pull us together.

The five bills I am referring to are as follows:

First, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights II, S. 258, introduced by Senator GRASSLEY and myself;

Second, a bill to make the 100 percent health care deduction for the self-employed, S. 262, introduced by Senator GRASSLEY, Senator ROTH, and myself;

Third, the S Corporation Reform Act of 1995, S. 758, introduced by Senator HATCH and myself;

Fourth, the Pension Simplification Act of 1995, S. 1006, introduced by Senator HATCH and myself; and